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TO: Proposition 36 Executive Directors

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FROM: Patrick L. Ogawa, Director

Alcohol and Drug Program Administration

SUBJECT: REVISED GUIDELINES FOR ENTERING PROPOSITION 36

DRUG TESTING INFORMATION INTO THE TCPX

This is to provide you with revised guidelines for entering drug test results into the TCPX for Proposition 36 clients.

Based on a current study, we determined that some agencies are entering drug-testing information incorrectly. Test results from on-site testing were being entered into the "Non-LabCorp" portion of the TCPX although the testing materials were provided by LabCorp. Also, when a client did not appear for drug testing, these "no-shows" were being entered into the positive test results portion of the LabCorp Drug Test Results. These two discrepancies result in inaccurate data collection. Accurate collection of drug testing data is critical because it is used to determine the trends in Proposition 36 drug use for Los Angeles County.

ADPA has made some revisions to the drug-testing portion of the TCPX to alleviate any future problems in data collection. The TCPX now consists of two separate sections for recording drug testing results (a sample page is attached). The first is labeled "Lab Testing" and should be used to record all drug test results that were sent out to any laboratory for actual testing. A drop-down function has been added to allow you to enter the name of the laboratory used. If a laboratory other than LabCorp is used, there is a section that will allow you to enter the name of the other laboratory used and the reason for using another laboratory.

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The second section is labeled "On-Site Drug Testing" and should be used to record the results of all the on-site drug testing conducted <u>only</u>. On-site testing is conducted with LabCorp cups and dipsticks. This section will also provide you with a drop down function where you can enter the type of on-site testing device used. Please remember urine specimens collected and tested "positive" for on-site drug test results must still be sent to LabCorp for storage. When you send the positive urine specimen to LabCorp, complete the "On-Site Drug Testing" portion of the TCPX screen only.

Both the Lab and On-Site testing section of the TCPX now include a spot for you to enter "No-Shows." This section is for the convenience of the providers to record when a client fails to show up on a day that agency staff had intended to drug test. This column is not intended for recording every time the client does not show up for treatment.

If you have any questions or require technical assistance, please contact our Proposition 36 Helpline at (888) 742-7900 for further assistance.

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